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This summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of the Colony of Gambia has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant-quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that colony.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

The Plant Importation and Regulation Ordinance, No. 2, March 14, 1936.

Definitions

Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2 includes the following definitions:

Plant: Shall include everything in the nature of a plant, and the fruit, leaves, cuttings, bark, or any part thereof whatsoever, whether living or dead, severed or attached, but shall not include seed, unless specifically mentioned, nor manufactured products of plants.

Pest: Shall mean any insect or other invertebrate animal that may be injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops.

Plant disease: Shall mean any disease caused by fungus, bacterium, virus, or other organism that may be injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops.

Section 4 empowers the Governor-in-Council to make regulations to prohibit or restrict the importation into the Colony of plants, seeds, soil, manure, containers, straw, and other packing material.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS

(Regulations No. 11, May 26, 1936)

Article 1. These regulations may be cited as the Importation of Plants Regulations, 1936.

Plant Interchange Schedule

Art. 2. "Plant Interchange Schedule" means a list of West African countries in respect of which agreements have been made with the Government of the Colony of Gambia concerning the making and enforcement in such countries and Gambia of regulations governing the interchange of plants and seeds of plants.

Authorized Port of Entry

Art. 3. No person shall import or cause to be imported into the Colony of Gambia any plant or seed except by mail or through the port of Bathurst.

Importation Prohibited

Art. 4. The following plants, produce, and seeds shall not be imported into the Colony of Gambia:

(a) Plants in soil other than special rooting compost.

(b) Plants of cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* L.) from Central America, South America, and West Indies.

(c) Plants other than cocoa from Central America, South America, and West Indies and other countries in which witches'-broom disease of cocoa (*Marasmius perniciosus* Stahel) is known to occur, except plants required and imported by the Agricultural Department for scientific purposes.

(d) Coconuts in husk from Central America, South America, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, and St. Vincent (West Indies).

(e) Coffee berries unless accompanied by a certificate of freedom from mealy pod disease (*Trachysphaera fructigena* Tabor and Bunting), issued by the Government agricultural authority of the country of export.

(f) Cottonseed except seed free from lint.

Inspection on Arrival

Art. 5. (1) (a) Any plant or seed, except seeds, bulbs, tubers, or corms of vegetables or ornamental plants from temperate countries,

or dry hulled rice, coffee, or pulses for consumption, and any accompanying container brought to Gambia by steamer, mail, or other channel, before being delivered, may be examined by a customs officer to ascertain whether the importation of the plant or seed is forbidden or subject to restriction.

(2) and (3) Provide for the disposal of infected or prohibited material.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING IMPORTATION

Import Permit Required

Art. 6. Importations of plants and seeds of cocoa, cotton, cassava, and all species of Musa; plants (not seeds) of oil palms and all species of citrus shall be permitted from countries of the Plant Interchange Schedule only under permit signed by the Senior Agricultural Superintendent, obtained in advance of shipment, and in accordance with any special conditions that may be prescribed in such permit.

Importations of plants and seeds indicated in the preceding paragraph and plants (not seeds) of coconut, and kola, plants and seeds of coffee (except hulled and dried berries for consumption), groundnuts (peanuts), yams, rice (except hulled rice for consumption), pulses (except dried, shelled seeds for consumption), guinea corn (broomcorn), millets, maize, and rubber, from countries other than those of the Plant Interchange Schedule shall be permitted only under permit signed by the Senior Agricultural Superintendent first obtained and in accordance with any special conditions prescribed in the permit. Such a permit will be issued only for the plants indicated in the preceding paragraph when they are needed for special scientific purposes and are grown under official supervision.

No permit shall be required for the importation of the plants indicated in the second paragraph of this article from countries of the Plant Interchange Schedule.

Art. 7. Relates to applications for import permits.

Art. 8. Import permits shall be in prescribed form.

Phytosanitary Certificates Required

Art. 9. Health certificates required from Government agricultural authorities to accompany imports by any permit issued under these

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regulations shall, so far as practicable, be in the form prescribed below or substantially so.

Prescribed Form of Certificate*

This is to certify that the living plants or plant products / a representative sample of the living plants or plant products included in the consignment, of which particulars are given below were/was thoroughly examined on the (date) by (name of inspector) , a duly authorized official of the (name of inspection service) and found to be healthy, no evidence of the presence of any injurious insect pest or disease destructive to vegetation / destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops being found in/on them and that the consignment (including the packing) covered by this certificate has/has not been treated in the following manner (e.g. fumigated with or disinfected with .) prior to / immediately subsequent to inspection.

on (date)

Inspected / Not inspected in the field by a duly authorized inspector.

Signature

Official status

Date

Description of Shipment

No. and description of packages
Distinguishing marks
Description of living plants, plant products, or parts thereof
Grown at
Exported by
Name and address of consignee
Name of vessel or particulars of route
Date of shipment
Port or place of entry
Additional certificate (s) attached.

* The words that are not applicable are to be omitted.